

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Counties in Utah claim high conviction rates

SALT LAKE CITY — County attorneys in Utah say conviction rates are near or higher than the national median of public prosecutors, despite some high profile losses.

There is no standard system among Utah prosecutors' offices for calculating conviction rates, but most report high percentages of success.

The Salt Lake County Attorneys Office said its conviction rate in 1993 was 86 percent, compared to the national median of 87 percent in 1992.

Utah County claimed a 97 percent conviction rate in 1992, and did it with attorneys handling an estimated 277 cases each. Weber County's rate was lower at 60 percent.

Davis County prosecutors said they achieve a 97 percent conviction rate by plea bargaining nearly all of their cases.

Almost all of Salt Lake County convictions came from guilty pleas and plea-bargain agreements. Only one out of 100 convictions resulted from a case going to trial.

Several cases have generated embarrassing publicity for the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office. Yet Utah's largest attorney's office points to its successes when reminded.

Emeritus General Authority to be buried today

Funeral services for Elder Sterling W. Sill, emeritus General Authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be conducted at noon today in the Bonneville Stake Center, 1535 E. Bonneview Dr. (1020 South), Salt Lake City.

Elder Sill, who served as an assistant to the Council of the Twelve and later as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, died Wednesday of natural causes at the age of 91.

Friends may call Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, and Tuesday, 10 to 11:45 a.m., at the stake center.

Burial will be in the Kaysville City Cemetery.

South Koreans fear a North Korean exodus

SEOUL, South Korea — With haggard faces and mismatched clothes, the family of North Korean defectors looked dazed and vulnerable, ill-equipped for life in a strange new world.

Many South Koreans watching the Yeh family's televised arrival earlier this month felt a rush of pity — and a stirring of dread.

For now, the prosperous South can easily absorb the few who manage to escape the Communist North. So far this year, 21 have made it out.

But each new defector is a reminder of the crushing burden the South will bear if there's a mass exodus from the North — or if the Koreas reunite.

The capitalist South, with a population of 43 million, is bustling, successful, a bit self-absorbed.

The Stalinist North, with 22 million people, is a giant Cold War museum piece — backward, isolated and impoverished.

Citizen fed up with graffiti, paints over it

SALT LAKE CITY — One man has become so disgusted with graffiti he has devoted his spare time to erasing the pollution painted by disrespectful juvenile delinquents.

Jon Beesley jogged around the Scott Avenue Park in Salt Lake County every day because the area was clean and safe.

But on a frigid October morning last year, he turned a corner and saw gang graffiti splashed on a brick wall.

"It really gave me a sick feeling," the 28-year-old Salt Lake County man said. Angered, the laboratory-supplies salesman called Salt Lake County officials to clean it up. He was told: "We'll get to it as soon as we can."

"That 'soon-as-we-can' took about a month," he remembered.

This was the beginning of Beesley's personal war against gangs with spray paint.

He now spends four or five days a week driving around in his compact car with 5-gallon buckets of gray, white, green and maize paint.

On his way home from work, he drives around for about 15 minutes and looks for new graffiti. He either will paint over it immediately or make a note to cover it the next morning. If it's a privately owned building, he asks permission first. No one ever has turned him away.

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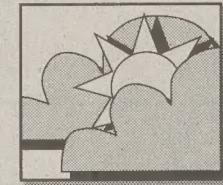
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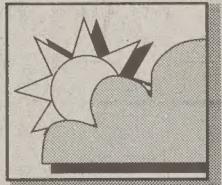
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TUESDAY



MOSTLY CLOUDY
Cooler with a chance of scattered thunder and rain storms. Highs in the upper 70s to 80s; lows in the lower 80s.

WEDNESDAY



PARTLY CLOUDY
Scattered thunder and shower storms. Highs in the upper 70s to 80s; lows in the 50s to mid 60s.

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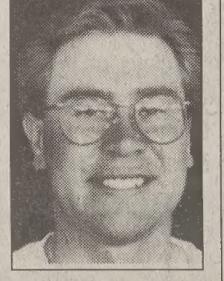
"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God..."

—Alma 37:37

This is Dana Day's favorite scripture because, "no matter what problems we face in the world, the Lord will always be our constant guide if we only ask."

Dana is:

- a senior
- from Provo
- majoring in zoology



Proposed interchange may ease traffic congestion

By LANNA J. CARTER
University Staff Writer

Funding for the I-15/University Avenue Interchange at 1860 South in Provo is awaiting the go-ahead by the U.S. House of Representatives, after receiving approval from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

Rep. Bill Orton, D-Utah, and Provo City Mayor George Stewart testified before the committee on March 15 to appropriate \$3 million to the \$28 million project.

The proposed project will remove the existing structures and bridges so another lane can be created on the east side.

The proposed improvement will extend 1860 South to west of I-15 and construct east side ramps and a northbound exit from the highway.

The proposal also plans to construct a University Avenue extension and flyover southbound ramp and construct 1860 South to a new southbound I-15 ramp.

The current configuration of the interchange at I-15 and University Avenue is no longer capable of handling the current flow of traffic that uses the interchange on a daily basis," Orton said.

Currently, 50,000 cars travel through the interchange each day.

This number is expected to rise to 70,000 to 80,000 within the next 10 years, said Nick Jones, Provo City engineer.

The city monitors the roads according to the level of service from A to F, F being total gridlock.

Currently, the level of service in the

area of the interchange is E.

In the past 10 years, Novell and NuSkin and several other major businesses have moved to southern Provo near the East Bay Business Park, creating over 7,000 new jobs.

Also, major computer software companies, such as Novell, have established their corporate headquarters in Provo.

"This has caused an unprecedented rate of economic growth, which has created an urgent need for transportation improvements in the Provo-Orem area," Stewart said in his opening remarks before the committee.

Novell, a computer company, began 10 years ago with a staff of 1,200. By the end of the decade, they plan to add 2,800 more employees.

Other businesses plan to expand as well, to increase job growth in the area by 60 percent, according to Stewart's proposal.

In his testimony before the committee, Orton said, "Novell does not feel they can make plans to expand their physical plant and number of employees until they receive a firm commitment of enhanced access to and from Interstate 15."

"We end up with all the southbound traffic going on that ramp onto University Avenue. They all merge on University and many are trying to turn right. We are getting a really congested mess because there is so much traffic coming from the south that the traffic from the north can't turn," Jones said.

Novell has threatened to relocate their headquarters to an area with better freeway circulation, unless access can be improved.

The prospect of losing Novell and the thousands of accompanying jobs would be absolutely devastating to the city of Provo, Utah County and the entire state of Utah," Orton said.

According to Orton's proposal, the interchange improvement project will help Provo improve air quality.

The 1990 Clean Air Act dictates that the city can only have nine parts per million of carbon-monoxide in the air at any given time.

Last winter, the city reported three or four violations.

"There are too many cars that we've got," Jones said.

The completed project will alleviate problems with the violations.

The proposal will go to the House in late June.

If it is approved by the House, construction should begin in 1995.

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in court fights over news organizations' attempts to gain access to information under the Freedom of Information Act.

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In a case testing the right of free expression, Breyer wrote a 1984 ruling that said the government cannot require people to undergo a "loyalty check" to work for the World Health Organization.

The requirement violated the right to free speech, he wrote, adding that it might cause people to "avoid perfectly legitimate speech" to get a job.

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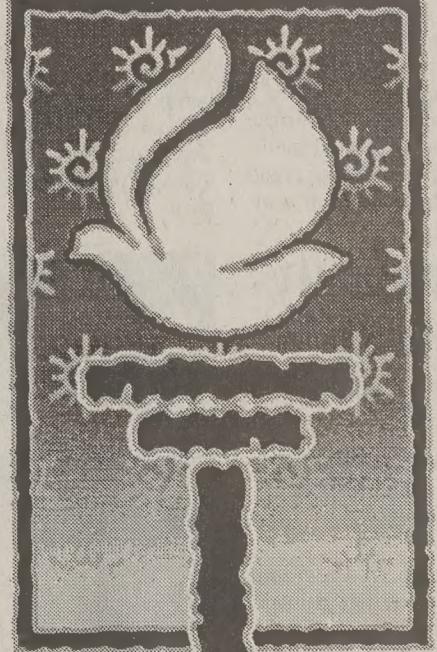
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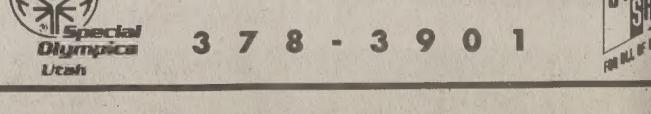
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Kennedy Center celebrates 10-year anniversary

who want to do good things."

President Lee gave two reasons for Kennedy's positive example. "David Kennedy is very successful and he is completely dedicated to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," President Lee said. "I have come to appreciate David Kennedy as a great role model."

Kennedy served as U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and later as the U.S. Ambassador to NATO. At the end of his government service, Kennedy was called by President Spencer W. Kimball to be Ambassador-at-Large. As the special representative of the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, his role is to establish cordial relationships with leaders of nations, help the Church gain recognition and understanding of its purposes and advance the gospel message worldwide.

One of the purposes for the celebration, noted President Lee, is the international studies program.

"The reason for BYU's existence is that we are part of the kingdom of Jesus Christ," President Lee said. "With church expansion, new languages, cultures and people, there has to be something we can do worldwide



Joseph South/Universe

PARTY TALK: Elder Henry B. Eyring speaks with a guest Thursday in the Memorial Lounge during a banquet celebrating the 10th anniversary of the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies.

through this University."

A media presentation, which will be shown to potential contributors of the

Kennedy Center and to students majoring in International Studies, was previewed during the evening.

SUCCESSION

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ing to The Encyclopedia of Mormonism.

The senior apostle was originally determined by who was the oldest member of the council, but Brigham Young later indicated that seniority should be based in accordance with the date of his ordination.

President Spencer W. Kimball spoke about this relationship.

"Since the death of his servants is in the power and control of the Lord, he permits to come to the first place only the one who is destined to take that leadership," he said.

President Kimball and President Benson were ordained apostles on the same day. President Kimball was given seniority because he was ordained first. Thus, President Kimball became prophet of the Church before President Benson.

Members of the Church believe in continuing revelation. The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, whose members are sustained as prophets, seers and revelators, could select someone other than the senior apostle if directed by revelation to do so, according to The Encyclopedia of Mormonism. For someone other than the presiding apostle to be chosen as prophet, revelation must come through the senior apostle and be approved through a

unanimous vote of the Quorum of the Twelve.

President Harold B. Lee, responding to questions about how the president of the Church is chosen, said, "The correct and simple answer should be a quotation of the Fifth Article of Faith: 'We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.'"

Guidelines regarding succession of the prophets in the Church were established at the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1844, according to The Encyclopedia of Mormonism. For three years, the Church was governed by the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, with Brigham Young as president of the quorum.

"Since there was at the time no precedent and no clear procedure providing for succession to the office of the president, competing views arose," according to The Encyclopedia of Mormonism. Brigham Young believed that the Twelve, ordained apostles who held all the keys necessary to govern the Church, should be sustained as leaders in the absence of Joseph Smith. This view was in harmony with D&C 107.

Sidney Rigdon, former counselor to Joseph Smith, "argued that Joseph Smith's death did not disorganize the presidency or the Church and that, therefore, as first counselor to Joseph Smith, he should be sustained as 'guardian' over the Church," according to the Encyclopedia of Mormonism.

"This ran directly counter to the Twelve's position that the death of the president automatically dissolves the First Presidency, leaving the counselors without authority over the Church."

On Aug. 8, 1844, members of the Church gathered to decide by a public sustaining vote who would lead the Church. This vote, in harmony with the 1835 revelation (D&C 107), resulted in overwhelming support that the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is authorized to govern the Church and to reorganize the First Presidency upon the death of the prophet, according to The Encyclopedia of Mormonism.

The First Presidency will be reorganized. Elder Thomas S. Monson and Elder Gordon B. Hinckley will resume their positions as members of the Council of the Twelve. After President Hunter, Elder Hinckley has seniority in the Quorum of the Twelve. Elder Monson follows Elder Hinckley in succession. After the First Presidency is reorganized, a new president of the quorum will be called.

HUNTER

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an honorary doctorate from BYU.

He served as a bishop in El Sereno, Calif., for seven years, a member of the stake high council for two years and as a stake president for nine years, until he was called to the Quorum of the Twelve.

He also served as vice chairman of the Church's Temple and Family History Council.

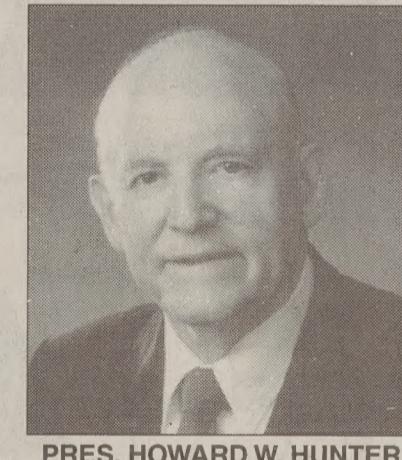
President Hunter's first wife, Clara May Jeffs, died Oct. 9, 1983. They had three children. He married Inis Stanton in 1990.

President Hunter has had several health problems to deal with, but hasn't let them slow his efforts to serve in the Church.

As a child, he survived a struggle with polio.

A recent biography written by Eleanor Knowles tells how Hunter was diagnosed with mumps in 1977.

Everyone seems to think it is funny that I have the mumps, but I don't think so," President Hunter wrote in his journal. "President Kimball says maybe I haven't yet grown up."



PRES. HOWARD W. HUNTER

In June 1980, President Hunter underwent surgery to remove a tumor. More than a month later, he suffered a heart attack. President Hunter said of the incidents, "I have had surgery, a heart attack and the next may be a nervous breakdown for not being allowed to do anything."

In his talk at last month's general conference, President Hunter said, "What manner of men ought ye to be? The great standard!"

He is known for teaching the doctrines of Jesus Christ with utmost sincerity, reverence and love, and he has always taught others the importance of a Christian life.

"We must know Christ better than we know him; we must remember him more often than we remember him; we must serve him more valiantly than we serve him," he said at general conference in April.

BENSON

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President Benson was born Aug. 4, 1899, in Whitney, Idaho. He was the eldest of 11 children of George T. Benson Jr. and Sarah Dunkley Benson.

President Benson was named after his great-grandfather, who had entered the Salt Lake Valley with the first company of LDS pioneers July 24, 1847.

When he was four years old, he drove a wagon team for the first time. At 16, he earned local fame by thinning an acre of beets in one day. He was paid \$12 for his work.

William Poole, President Benson's cousin, explained the significance of thefeat in a biography written by Sheri L. Dew.

"I would stake out three-fourths of an acre of beets and get up before sunrise and work until dark to finish. (President Benson) was the first person I remember who thinned an acre of beets in one day."

President Benson continued the theme of hard work later in his life. He attended the Oneida Stake Academy at Preston, Idaho.

He later studied agriculture at Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) in Logan, Utah, where he met the girl who would later become his wife, Flora Amussen.

He entered military service near the close of World War I. After his military service, he served as a missionary for the Church in the British Isles.

He returned from England to continue his education, but this time at BYU, where he earned a degree in animal husbandry in 1926.

On Sept. 10, 1926, he and Flora Amussen were married in the Salt Lake LDS/Temple.

On the same day, they left for Ames, Iowa, where he would earn a master's degree in agricultural economics. Sister Benson died Aug. 14, 1992.

President Benson's last public appearance was at her funeral.

In 1939, he was named executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. While in Washington, D.C., he served as a state president.

His government service included serving as secretary of agriculture for the entire eight-year administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

He was one of only two members of the Eisenhower Cabinet to serve through both terms.

President Benson is survived by his sons and daughters, Reed A. Benson, a member of BYU faculty; Mark A. Benson, Beverly Parker, Barbara Walker, Bonnie Madsen and Beth Burton; 34 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

At press time funeral arrangements had not been announced.

Oil companies may lease Utah forest land

By JAMIE MACOMBER

Universe Staff Writer

National Forest officials have announced that 219,000 acres of Utah's national forests may become available for oil and gas leasing.

Approximately 90 percent of the land on the north slope of the Uinta Mountains has been designated as potential oil drilling and gas mining sites by forest supervisors of the Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests.

Companies such as Exxon, Chevron and Texaco may soon lease national forest land to explore for oil and gas; however, geologists are unsure of the amount of natural resources the forests actually contain.

"Based on the geology of the land, we know there is high potential for oil and gas, but we don't really know how much until we start drilling," said Barry Burkhardt, Forest Service geologist.

Environmentalists who voiced their concerns during public hearings last year are outraged by the decision to lease.

Many feel the recreational value of the land will be threatened; they believe there is not enough oil in the forests to justify drilling.

"People who are opposed to the development in the north slope think that it's just a drop in the bucket, but it's all subjective," said Garth Heaton, Recreation Lands and Minerals staff officer for Ashley National Park.

Leasing could mean millions of dollars for the state of Utah, but there is

no way to project actual revenue until oil and gas companies have submitted bids for the land. Bidding for the land will start at two dollars per acre.

Although the land has been made available, it will not be open until the lease is approved by the Bureau of

Land Management.

"Just because it is available doesn't mean it will be leased. Leases can be appealed ... it may take a long time to resolve," said Heaton.

The decision is open for appeal until July 5.

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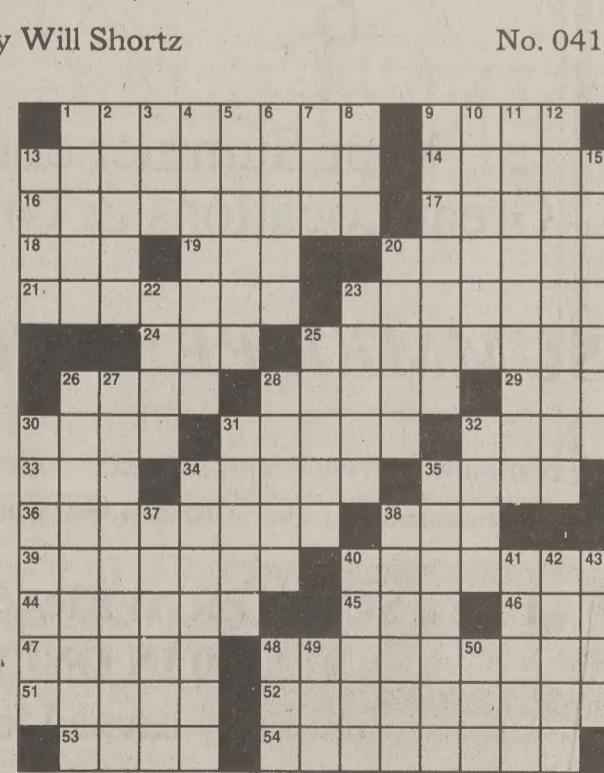
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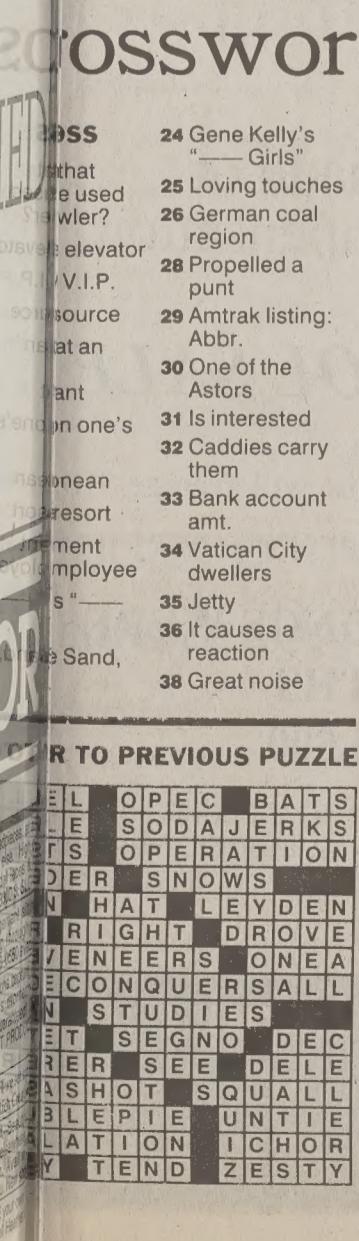


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Rwandan rebels take strategic army barracks near Gitarama

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Rebels cut off the last avenue of retreat Monday for government troops caught in Rwanda's capital Kigali, and claimed to have overrun a vital army barracks near the interim government's stronghold.

The reports of rebel success came as the insurgents and the army began U.N.-mediated cease-fire talks.

After an opening session of more than five hours, U.N. spokesman Abdul Kabia said the sides agreed to meet again Thursday.

In Kigali, Kabia said the rebels raised serious concerns about continuing ethnic massacres, radio broadcasts inciting killing and alleged government interference with U.N. efforts to evacuate displaced people in the capi-

tal.

About 200,000 people have been killed and an estimated 2 million displaced since Rwanda's ethnic bloodletting began after its president was killed in a mysterious plane crash April 6.

Most of the dead were minority Tutsis and Hutu opponents of the government. They were killed by the presidential guard, some military units and civilian gangs organized by extremist Hutu politicians.

The massacres shattered a cease-fire the Hutu-dominated government and the Tutsi-led rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front signed in Tanzania last August.

There are now fears that killing could increase in areas threatened by the rebels. The government holds western Rwanda and areas in the south that had large Tutsi populations.

The rebels hold areas in the north and east of Kigali.

Rwanda's interim government retreated to Gitarama, about 25 miles southwest of Kigali, ahead of a rebel advance into Kigali last month.

Rebel radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., claimed Monday the interim government was "on the run" from Gitarama and the rebels had taken the Nyanza barracks south of Gitarama.

Rwanda's army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Augustin Bizimungu, denied during the cease-fire talks in Kigali that the government had fled Gitarama.

A U.N. source said, on condition of anonymity, U.N. observers in Gitarama could not be reached to confirm whether the interim government was fleeing.

However, the source said it appeared the rebels had taken the barracks at Nyanza, 13 miles south of Gitarama on the road south to neighboring Burundi.

Government troops had rushed reinforcements to areas surrounding Gitarama to defend the interim government.

The U.N. source said the fall of Nyanza would be seen as a major blow to the army's ability to defend the city.

Rebels reportedly have been advancing on Gitarama from the east and the south.

An Associated Press photographer who was in Gitarama on Thursday saw government workers stacking boxes of files, equipment and luggage outside the door of the government buildings.

Tony Burgener, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, said more than 500,000 displaced people are now stranded in the Gitarama area without food and drinking water.

He said the rebel advance had cut off the main supply route from the south and that the plight of the displaced people is unclear if Gitarama falls. He said the refugees have no other place to go.

Most of the fighting in Kigali was concentrated around Gadhafi Corner, an intersection on the west side that controls access to the highway to Gitarama.

A U.N. source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the insurgents captured the intersection overnight and cut off the army's last avenue of retreat from the capital.

Nature's Herbs opens new facility

By KARI S. ALLEN
Universe Staff Writer

Nature's Herbs presented its new 50,000 square foot facility in American Fork during a VIP luncheon and tour last week.

The facility, which encompasses offices, laboratories, pharmaceutical processing and warehouse distribution centers, conserves 42 percent more energy than required by the current U.S. Model Energy Code by using natural light and a night ventilation system.

The system uses naturally cooled air to cool the building. The energy that is saved per year is enough to power 118 homes.

Nearly every room in the facility has access to natural light.

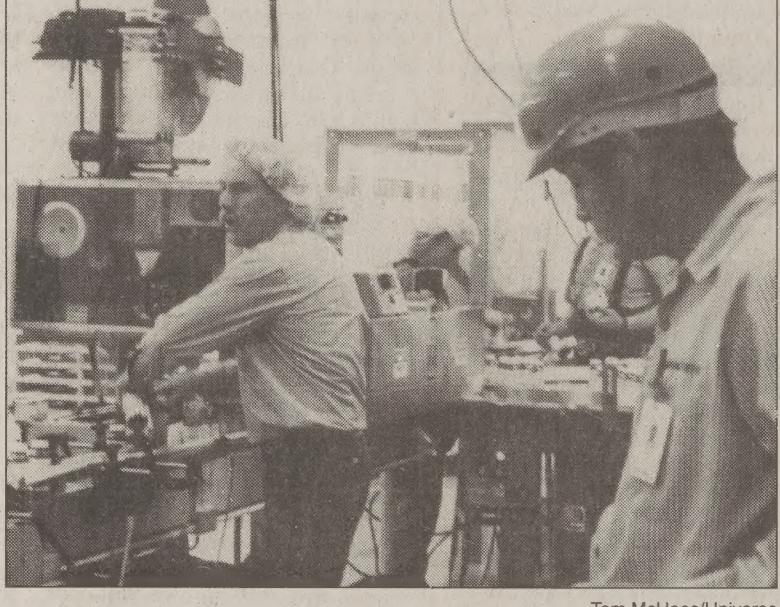
Stephen L. Welling, president of Nature's Herbs said, "Our biggest asset is our employees. There are three indicators to happy workers. One is access to natural light, another is fresh air and the last is a good chair. We have tried to incorporate all these in our building."

The warehouse contains a high-base storage shelving configuration and a 14 inch thick floor, which both maintain "severe earthquake tolerance" in the building, Welling said.

The cracks in the floor that run up and down the rows of storage shelving actually contain sophisticated wiring to guide the computerized 13-ton forklift.

Near the end of the rows are peculiar spherical indentations in the ground.

"Those are actually sensors to automatically cause the forklift to



Tom McHoes/Universe

CONSERVE ENERGY: Employees at Nature's Herbs are busy at work on the environmentally safe packaging line. A new location has opened in American Fork. This facility conserves energy by using natural light.

brake," Welling said.

Without these guides, the truck could cause intense damage to the shelving and to the walls of the warehouse, he said.

The encapsulation section of the building contains two automated machines that are capable of producing half a million capsules per shift per machine.

David Blechman, president and CEO of TwinLab, said he was optimistic about the future of Nature's Herbs.

David and Jean have two sets of twins, hence the name TwinLab. Their five sons are actively involved in the company.

employs 75 people.

Jean Blechman, executive vice president and co-founder of TwinLab said, "This is a new chapter of our success story. It's a far cry from our garage in Freeport, New York where my husband [David Blechman] had a dream"

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Missing donations prompt probe of Clinton's funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's gubernatorial campaign filed a May 1986 report detailing its past year activities, but it provided only a partial disclosure of contributions from a savings and loan fund-raiser that is now being investigated by the Whitewater prosecutor.

Missing from the 1986 campaign report — the only one on the public record detailing Clinton's fund-raiser — is any mention of four donations totaling \$12,000.

Federal savings and loan investigators have alleged in a criminal referral that those donations — most in the form of cashier's checks — were diverted illegally from an S&L owned by Clinton's Whitewater business partner, James McDougal.

The existence of the May 1986 report has not been reported since the Whitewater affair began in 1992. The fact that Clinton's campaign appears to have reported some donations from the controversial fund-raiser and not others is also new.

FYI this week

This Week: Utah Trails Week

• Sheep Shearing! Open to the public. Reservations may be required. Thursday, 7 p.m. Call 489-4508.

• Friday: Ribbon cutting, bike tour of new trail on Dixie National Forest Cascade Falls. Call 254-2795.

• Bobbed/Luge track groundbreaking at the Utah Winter Sports Park. Call 649-5447 for more information.

• Saturday: A new monument will be dedicated at Little Emigration Canyon at noon. Call 584-8392 for more information.

• Hike from Big Mountain to Mormon Flat beginning at 9 a.m. Call Joe McDonnell, 584-8392 for more information.

• The Pony Express Association plans a ride followed by dinner on the Pony Express Trail at 6 p.m. Call 268-1885 for details.

• Salt Lake District of the BLM is sponsoring a bike ride on the Samsbury Island Bike Trail; 977-4300 for details.

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50 people in Utah County who have chronic lung disease cope with their problem and learn to live better lives.

"The ALA has been influential in many local legislative measures concerning air quality in Utah County," Cutright said. "We have also been involved in education in the schools locally, teaching children and teachers about asthma and potential risks associated with it."

"Hot-Lips," Pierce, Klinger and several other M*A*S*H character impersonators helped to raise money for the American Lung Association at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center Thursday.

The impersonators are medical center employees who volunteered to help with the fund-raiser.

"We raised between \$4 thousand and \$5 thousand dollars," said Craig Cutright, field representative for the American Lung Association of Utah.

"Many of the donations were pledges, so we won't have an exact amount of how much we raised until all of the pledge cards come back."

The event was not only to raise funds for the ALA, but also as a public awareness event.

"The ALA is not as well known as some of the other nonprofit agencies in the state, even though it is the oldest," Cutright said. "We wanted to provide the community with information about what the ALA does for the community."

The purpose of the ALA is to educate people on the issues pertaining to clean-air and respiratory problems. They work with local and national governments to change legislation and pass laws to create cleaner air-quality standards.

Some of the money raised will go to a local organization called the Better Breather's Club. The club helps 40 to

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